CLI Guide

CLI is an abbreviation for Command Line Interpreter. It is run by double-clicking on the CLI or Shell icons on the Workbench disk. It is used to manipulate files and directories, and run programs.

Under Workbench, files are represented by icons (pictures), and directories are shown as Drawers. An icon's graphics are stored in a file which has the same name as the specific file plus a ".info" suffix. Therefore, if a file does not have an associated ".info" file, it will not be visible under Workbench. These icon files can be listed and manipulated through the CLI.

Commonly used CLI commands

dir - short for "directory." Displays the files and sub-directories in the current directory. Examples:

1> dir 1> dir df1:

The first example displays files and directories in current directory, and the second displays files and directories in the top level directory of the disk in drive df1:.

cd - short for "change directory." Examples:

1> cd 1> cd df0:system

The first example will display the name of the directory you're in. The second example will make the System directory on the disk in drive df0: the current directory.

copy - allows you to copy files. You can make a copy of a file by entering:

1> copy oldfile newfile

Substitute "oldfile" for the name of the file you wish to make a copy of, and "newfile" with the name you wish the copy to be

Multiple files can be specified with a pattern such as "#?" which mean "match anything." If you specify a directory in place of "newfile" it will place a copy of oldfile(s) with the same name(s) in the specified directory. For example:

1> copy ab#? df1:

will copy all files in the current directory which begin with "ab" into the root directory of the disk in drive df1:.

Finally, by specifying directories in place of both "oldfile" and "newfile" and adding "all" at the end, all files and sub-directories will be copied. For example:

1> copy df0: df1: all

will copy all files and subdirectories on a disk in df0: to drive df1:.

rename - allows you to rename a file or directory. Simply enter:

1> rename oldname newname

ed - is a text file editor. Invoked by typing:

1> ed filename

Move around the file using the cursor movement keys, and type to insert characters into the file. Use <- or Del keys to delete characters before or under the cursor respectively. Some of the simple commands are:

ESC, 'x', and RETURN - save the file if modified and exit. ESC, 'q', and RETURN - quit without saving the file. Hold down Ctrl and press 'b' - delete the line the cursor is on.

For more information on the CLI, refer to the AmigaDOS Reference Manual available through book stores and dealers.

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Amiga 500 Reference Guide

Product Numbers

Amiga 500 computer A500 (512K).



Internal 512K RAM ex-A501 pansion plus battery powered clock and calendar.



A520 Composite / RF (television) adaptor.



A1010 External 3.5" floppy disk drive. Can be used as a second drive for Amiga software (880K capacity) or for transferring data to and from MS-DOS format diskettes (720K capacity).



1084 Composite / RGBI / RGB Analog monitor. (S version has stereo speakers.)



A1680 1200 baud external RS232 modem.



Amiga 500 Key Features

- 68000 microprocessor.
- Custom chips for graphics display, animation, and digital four voice, two channel sound.
- 4096 colors which can be displayed simultaneously.
- 880 kilobyte 3.5" floppy disk drives.
- AmigaDOS a multi-tasking operating system that allows you to run more than one program at once. AmigaDOS does not merely switch between programs, it allows programs to actually run simultaneously. For example, an Amiga user can be sending a file over a modem with a communications program while simultaneously writing a letter with a word processing program.
- 512K RAM expandable internally to 1 megabyte with an A501.
- Operating system (AmigaDOS) in a 256Kb ROM.
- 94 key keyboard with function keys, full numeric pad, and inverted T cursor key arrangement.
- Parallel, serial, external disk drive, analog RGB video, left and right audio outputs, keyboard and two mouse / joystick ports.
- Memory expansion up to 9 megabytes of RAM.

Supported Printers

Qume LetterPro 20 Seiko * 5303,5310,5312 Tektronix 4693D,4696 Toshiba P351C,P321SL,321SLC,341SL,etc. Xerox 4020		Tektronix Toshiba	4693D,4696 P351C,P321SL,321SLC,341SL,etc.
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Notes

- Printers marked with an * indicate that the driver is not included with Workbench software, but can instead be found on BIX or from the manufacturer.
- Many additional printers are compatible with one of those listed above. A great number of printers emulate either an Epson or a Diablo. Using a driver not specifically designed for a printer may mean that some of its features are not utilized.
- 3. To put a driver onto your working Workbench disk or hard drive, you can issue the following command from the CLJ:

1> copy driver devs:printers

("driver" should be substituted for the name of the printer driver you wish to copy.)

- The switches on the Commodore MPS1000 must be set for "IBM" mode.
- Companies other than Commodore provide drivers for additional printers.

How To Run Programs

- 1. After turning on the power you will be prompted with a picture of a hand holding a Workbench diskette*. Most application diskettes contain Workbench, so you can insert either a real Workbench diskette, or an application disk.
- 2. Shortly the Workbench display should appear, showing pictures (icons) representing the diskette(s) in the drive(s). Move the mouse pointer over the disk icon containing the program you wish to run and press the select (left) mouse button twice in rapid succession (known as "double clicking"). This will show you the icons representing the programs and other files on the diskette.
- 3. Any program can be run by simply moving the pointer over its icon and double clicking the (left) mouse button.
- * Unless your system has an autobooting hard drive.

How To Use Pull Down Menus

While holding down the right mouse button (which will change the title bar of the screen to the menu categories), move the pointer over the desired menu name (a menu will appear below it), and down onto the desired command, and release the right mouse button.

How To Format A Disk

Insert a blank disk (or any disk containing data you no longer need) into any drive, and the Workbench will bring up either:

- 1. A disk named as "DFx:BAD" if the diskette had not been formatted before (where 'x' is the drive number, 0 being the drive where you insert a disk after power-up, and other drives are 1, 2, etc)
- The current name of the disk (which will be lost once you have formatted the disk.

Select this disk icon (move the pointer over it and click the select [left] mouse button ONCE), and select the "Initialize" command from the Disk menu (see the section above on operating menus).

How To Copy A Diskette

With two 3.5" floppy disk drives:

- 1. Insert the disk to be copied (source disk) into a drive.
- Insert the disk you wish to become a copy of the source disk (the destination disk).
- 3. After the icons for both disks appear, move the pointer over the icon for the original disk, hold down the select (left) button, and move the pointer (moving the icon with it) over the destination disk icon and release the button. The system may request you to put the Workbench disk back in a drive temporarily, which you should do and then re-insert the disk you removed. Click over OK with the left mouse button when you are asked to continue.

With one floppy disk drive:

- 1. Insert the disk you wish to be copied into the drive.
- Select it by moving the mouse pointer over its icon and pressing the left mouse button ONCE. Select the Duplicate function from the Workbench menu.